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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. KITAMURA et al. Confirmation No.: 5539

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For: METHOD AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH DATA

REPLICATION

Group: 2162

Examiner: D. Mvint

REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire September 16, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.